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SUBJECT: AMSPEC REQUEST FOR THIRD QUARTER, FY 1977

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POST HAS LONG FELT NEED TO PROGRAM A PRESTIGIOUS AMERICAN FILMMAKER OF CALIBER OF DIRECTOR FRANK CAPRA IN BUENOS AIRES, IT HAS BEEN URGED TO DO SO BY LEADERS IN THE ARGENTINE FILM INDUSTRY, FILM CRITICS AND FILM CLUBS.

THEREFORE, WE REQUEST MR. CAPRA AS AN AMSPEC FOR THIRD QUARTER, FY 1977, FOR MINIMUM OF THREE DAYS AND PREFERABLY FOUR DAYS, AND WOULD PROGRAM HIM IN CONNECTION WITH FOUR-PART FILM/VTR SERIES, "FRANK CAPRA: THE MAN ABOVE THE TITLE." CO-SPONSORS WOULD PROBABLY INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE OR POSSIBLY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CINEMATOGRAPHY, FUNDACION CINEMATECA ARGENTINA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUENOS AIRES.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMMING PLANS INCLWDE:

- 1) RECEPTION IN MR. CAPRA'S HONOR WITH GOA OFFICIALS, FILM CRITICS, WRITERS, PRODUCERS AND JOURNALISTS. A PHOTO EXHIBIT OF HIS FILMS WOULD BE DISPALYED.
- 2) ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION PROBABLY AT SAN MARTIN CULTURAL CENTER, INCLUDING MR. CAPRA AND CINEMA/CULTURAL LEADERS, FOLLOWED BY ONE OF MR. CAPRA'S FILMS.
- 3) A TETROSPECTIVE CYCLE OF A SELECTION OF MR. CAPRA'S FILMS AT A LEADING CULTURAL INSTITUTION OPEN TO PUBLIC.
- 4) WORK LUNCHEONS WITH LEADING FILM DIRECTORS AND SPECIALISTS.

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- 5) GUEST APPEARANCES ON LEADING TELEVISION PROGRAMS.

- 6) INTERVIEWS WITH FILM CRITICS FOR LEADING PUBLICATIONS.
 - 7) POSSIBLE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH EITHER GENTE OR SIETE DIAS MAGAZINE.
 - 8) PRESENTATION BY MR. CAPRA OF ONE OF THE IMV CAPRA DOCUMENTARIES TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CINEMATOGRAPHY AND TO THE FUNDACION CINEMATECA ARGENTINA.
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